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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 8, 2009
(37 CFR §1.111)**

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Following is a Response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2009.

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

The period for response is hereby extended THREE month(s) to expire January 8, 2010 by this Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time. Payment of the charge for the appropriate petition fee of \$555 (37 CFR §1.17) accompanies this Response.

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